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Summary

The late potato crop deteriorated slightly during August. Production as of September 1 was indicated to be about 2 percent less than was indicated a month earlier and about 5 percent less than in 1937. A larger crop than last year is indicated for the Central late States but smaller crops are in prospect for the Eastern and Far Western late States.

The sweetpotato prospect declined also during August but the crop as of September 1 was indicated to be 6 percent larger than in 1937. Production in the Central Atlantic States is sharply reduced from last year but in the other important areas it is increased somewhat.

Production of most of the important late truck crops this season is indicated to be substantially larger than last year. Late cabbage, both domestic and Danish types, carrots, celery, onions, green peas, and tomatoes, all are indicated to be in greater supply this fall and early winter than last year. In contrast, however, production of late beets, cauliflower, eggplant, lettuce and spinach probably will be slightly smaller than in 1937. Some of the late truck crops such as Danish cabbage, carrots, celery, and onions are normally stored for the late winter market and this season all of these are indicated to be plentiful.

Although supplies of late truck crops are indicated to be generally larger than a year ago, the quantity moving to market in car lots during the first half of September was substantially less than in the corresponding period in 1937. The upward trend in motor truck shipment, which has been

overt in recent years apparently is continuing this season. Rail and boat shipments in mid-September, however, showed some seasonal increase over that of a month earlier.

Terminal market prices of most truck crops in mid-September were lower than a year earlier and many were lower than in mid-August due to the pressure of relatively large supplies and because of relatively low consumer purchasing power. Prices of truck crops taken as a group usually reach a seasonal low point in September and then advance rather sharply to a relatively high level in the late winter months. At New York City eastern broccoli, carrots, celery, cucumbers, Honey Dew melons, sweetpotatoes, and turnips were the only items showing higher prices in mid-September than a year earlier, while at Chicago western carrots, green corn, cucumbers, spinach, and tomatoes were the only vegetables higher than in 1937. As compared with mid-August, mid-September prices of snap beans, eastern broccoli, carrots, eastern cauliflower, green corn, cucumbers, Honey Dew melons, yellow onions, green peas, and tomatoes were higher at New York City; and western broccoli, celery, green corn, cucumbers, yellow onions, green peas, peppers, spinach, tomatoes and turnips were high<sup>er</sup> at Chicago.

With the exception of sweet corn, tomatoes, and cucumbers for pickles, and possibly asparagus and spinach, the production of truck crops for canning or manufacture is indicated to be considerably larger than in 1937.

#### POTATOES

Potato prices at terminal markets advanced slightly during recent weeks. At New York City prices of potatoes (excluding Russet Burbanks and California White Rose) averaged 92 cents per 100 pounds in mid-September, compared with 78 cents a month earlier and with 92 cents a year ago. At Chicago, they averaged 97 cents per 100 pounds in mid-September, against \$1.03

a month earlier and \$1 a year ago. Prices of Idaho Russets declined at both New York and Chicago as marketings increased seasonally.

The late potato crop deteriorated slightly during August. Production as of September 1 (excluding the California early crop) was indicated to be 294 million bushels, compared with 309 million last year and 299 million bushels, the 1927-36 average. During August there were slight decreases of about a million bushels each in the eastern and central groups of late-potato States, and about 5 million bushels in the western States. As a result of these changes, production in the 8 eastern and 12 western States is expected to be about 8 and 11 percent, respectively, less than in 1937 while in the 10 Central States it probably will be 2 percent larger.

Marketings of potatoes during recent weeks have been largely from nearby areas by motor-truck and of homegrown stock, but carlot shipments increased sharply in mid-September from the seasonal low level prevailing during August. Shipments from the late States are increasing rapidly, while those from the intermediate States are decreasing. For the country as a whole, the total carlot movement rose to 3,425 cars during the week ending September 17 and as the season advances shipments probably will increase further. There are indications, however, that because of the distribution of the late crop this season, the motor truck probably will move a greater portion of the crop to market than ever before. The carlot movement is expected to be unusually small, particularly for the early fall and winter months.

Potatoes: Shipping-point and terminal-market prices per 100 pound sack, specified weeks, 1937-38

Location and variety	Week ended					
	1937		1938			
	Sept. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 27	Sept. 3	Sept. 10	Sept. 17
<b>SHIPPING POINTS:</b>	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
F.o.b. usual terms-						
Northern & central						
New Jersey.....	.80	.75	.74	.68	.74	.92
Waupaca, Wis. ....	.75	--	--	.56	.63	.69
<b>TERMINAL MARKETS:</b>						
<u>New York City -</u>						
Excluding western stock..	.92	.78	.77	.75	.79	.92
White Rose .....	2.20	2.52	2.91	2.74	2.50	--
Idaho Russet Burbanks...	2.20	2.69	2.54	2.57	2.53	2.51
<u>Chicago -</u>						
Excluding western stock..	1.00	1.03	.94	.84	1.04	.97
Idaho Russet Burbanks...	1.86	2.01	1.80	1.79	1.69	1.58
Bliss Triumph (Western)..	1.23	1.44	1.25	1.19	1.60	1.46



Potatoes: Acreage, yield per acre, and production, average 1927-36, annual 1937, and indicated 1938

Group of States and classification	Acreage		Yield per acre		Production	
	Average : 1927-36 : 1,000 acres	Prelim. : 1938 : 1,000 acres	Average : 1927-36 : Bushels	1937 : Bushels	Indicated : 1938 : Bushels	Indicated : 1938 : bushels
Early:						
Total .....	392.4	455.0	80.6	84.5	90.6	31,597
Commercial .....	150.6	183.6	105.7	111.1	115.9	15,915
Other .....	241.8	271.4	65.3	66.5	74.1	15,732
Intermediate:						
Total .....	330.7	313.0	107.8	115.6	126.4	35,816
Commercial .....	137.1	130.8	151.4	153.7	163.5	20,756
Other .....	193.6	182.2	77.8	90.1	101.5	15,060
18 surplus late:						
Total .....	2,199.3	2,032.2	119.3	138.4	133.2	262,760
3 Eastern .....	617.5	601.0	158.4	169.9	163.7	97,933
5 Central .....	1,062.0	907.0	82.4	93.5	97.9	87,905
10 Western .....	519.8	524.2	147.9	130.0	157.4	76,521
12 other late:						
Total .....	420.6	376.7	94.8	98.5	107.8	39,820
5 Eastern .....	59.3	64.7	159.5	149.2	145.5	8,287
5 Central .....	353.6	304.0	87.7	88.3	100.8	30,951
2 Western .....	7.7	8.0	75.6	74.0	71.0	581
30 late .....	2,619.95	2,408.9	115.4	132.2	129.2	302,179
37 late & Inter. :	2,950.65	2,721.9	114.6	130.4	128.9	337,996
U. S. total .....	3,343.05	3,176.9	110.6	123.8	123.6	369,693
30 late States:						
8 Eastern .....	676.8	665.7	156.9	167.9	161.8	106,220
10 Central .....	1,415.6	1,211.0	84.0	92.2	98.6	118,856
12 Western <u>1/</u> .....	512.3	501.2	144.8	170.6	149.4	74,172
Total <u>1/</u> .....	2,604.7	2,377.9	114.9	129.9	127.4	299,249
Calif. early ,:	15.2	31.0	191.0	305.0	255.0	2,930

1/ Excludes California early.

## SWEETPOTATOES

The prospect for the sweetpotato crop declined slightly during August, and as of September 1 indicated production was 80,055,000 bushels. The crop this season is indicated to be about 19 percent smaller than last year in the Central Atlantic Coast States where a large portion of the crop is produced for market. In the lower Atlantic and South Central States the crop this season is larger than in 1937 by about 11 and 9 percent, respectively. In the North Central States and in California production is expected to be about the same as last year. During recent weeks shipments have increased seasonally but they are far behind those of the corresponding weeks last year; apparently a larger portion of marketings this season have been moved by motor truck.

Terminal market prices of sweetpotatoes declined seasonally during recent weeks and by mid-September were substantially below those of a month earlier. Prices in the east were slightly higher than in mid-September 1937 but lower at Chicago.

## LATE TRUCK CROPS

### CABBAGE: Late Danish crop near record

Indications of unusually high yields on a relatively large acreage is expected to result in a near-record crop of late Danish-type cabbage this season. Production of this type as of September 1 is indicated to be 406,300 tons or about 55 percent more than was produced in 1937 and 37 percent more than the 1927-36 average production. In 1934 a record high production of 406,600 tons was produced. Because of a record high production of late domestic cabbage in 1938 of 446,400 tons, the total late cabbage crop probably will be the largest on record. It should be noted, however, that about one-half of the large late domestic crop this year is cabbage grown for kraut. Carlot shipments of cabbage have increased sharply in recent weeks, the weekly total reaching 460 cars by mid-September compared with less than 100 cars per week a month earlier and about 250 cars in mid-September 1937. During the summer a large proportion of the marketings moved by motor truck. Terminal market prices of cabbage have declined seasonally in recent weeks and in mid-September were below those of both a month and a year earlier.

### CARROTS: Late crop relatively large

Production of late carrots this year is indicated to be 3,216,000 crates compared with 2,934,000 crates last year and 2,458,000 crates the 1927-36 average. Yields per acre are indicated to be smaller than last year, but the acreage planted increased sharply. This large late crop, together with increased production in most of the other groups of States set a new United States high total in the carrot crop this year. The carlot movement of carrots has been increasing in recent weeks largely because the source of supply is shifting to more distant producing areas. As the season advances, more and more of the late crop will be moved by rail. Prices of carrots at New York City have advanced slightly in recent weeks, and were higher than in

mid-September 1937, but at Chicago a tendency prevailed for prices to decline under the pressure of relatively large supplies of topped mid-western offerings.

CAULIFLOWER: Long Island acreage increased

The acreage of late cauliflower on Long Island is estimated at 4,550 acres this year, an increase of 3 percent over the acreage harvested last year and 24 percent over the 1927-36 average. Because of good growing weather in this area the crop is expected to be ready for market earlier than usual. In mid-September, Colorado with 122 cars was the principal source of the carlot movement. Cauliflower prices at terminal markets have weakened seasonally during recent weeks; in mid-September they were generally lower than a year ago.

CELERY: First late crops larger this year

Production of celery in the first section of late States is indicated to be 3,519,000 crates or 21 percent more than was produced in 1937. On the basis of an increase of about 13 percent in the acreage in the second section of late States it is likely that the crop in this area will also be larger than in 1937. These crop prospects indicate that an unusually large supply of late celery will be available this season. A considerable portion of this celery is stored for the winter marketing season.

The fall and winter acreage in California which provides the earliest new-crop movement for 1939 is smaller by about 5 percent than the acreage harvested in late 1937 and early 1938. This crop probably will be in full production by the middle of November.

Since the source of celery supplies is shifting to more distant producing areas the carlot movement had increased sharply by mid-September. New York, Oregon and Washington were the principal shipping States. Celery prices declined in recent weeks at New York City but in mid-September were slightly higher than a year earlier; at Chicago, prices rose some but were slightly below those of mid-September 1937.

LETTUCE: Late acreage decreased 10 percent

In the second section of late States the lettuce acreage is estimated to be 30,400 acres or 10 percent less than last year but about equal to the average acreage planted in this area. California, the principal State in this group with 26,500 acres this season shows a decrease of 3,000 acres from last year. California was shipping close to 930 cars per week in mid-September or slightly more than a year earlier. Terminal market prices of lettuce weakened considerably in recent weeks and by mid-September were substantially below those of both a month and a year earlier.

ONIONS: Late crop slightly larger than in 1937

A late onion crop of 10,350,000 sacks (100 pounds) was indicated by conditions on September 1. This would be 4 percent larger than the 1937 crop



and 11 percent above the 1927-36 average. In the eastern late States the crop, estimated at 3,731,000 sacks, is nearly 500,000 sacks larger than a year earlier and about 1 million larger than the average production. In the Central States the crop is indicated to be 3,448,000 sacks or slightly larger than last year but 600,000 sacks smaller than average. In the Western States 3,671,000 sacks are indicated for this year against 3,838,000 sacks last year and 3,070,000, the 1927-36 average. With the harvest of the late crop getting well under way, carlot shipments have increased sharply in recent weeks to an average of about 550 cars per week or more than double the weekly movement during the summer months. In mid-September, western sweet Spanish onion prices were slightly lower than in recent weeks and a year earlier, whereas, prices of yellow varieties were slightly higher than in mid-August but lower than in mid-September 1937.

GREEN PEAS: Production increased in second section late States

Because of a sharply increased acreage, production of green peas in the second section of late States this year totals 1,700,000 bushels, 20 percent larger than the 1937 crop. A considerable portion of this increase is attributed to the development of a new producing area in Utah in 1937 and a further expansion there in 1938. Planting of the fall crop of peas in the northern part of California has been completed and it is indicated that the acreage will be increased sharply in most of the important counties. Carlot shipments of green peas in recent weeks have been moving largely from the Central District of California, Idaho and Utah, and in somewhat heavier volume than in the corresponding period last year. Prices of green peas at terminal markets rose seasonally in recent weeks but in mid-September were somewhat below those of a year earlier.

TOMATOES: Crop in California Southern District one-fifth larger

Supplies of tomatoes are expected to continue relatively plentiful during the fall months, since the production in the Southern District of California (Late 2) is indicated to be 21 percent greater than in 1937. In the United States as a whole, a tomato crop of 25,529,000 bushels is indicated for 1938 - a new record high. This would indicate that the sharp upward trend in production and consumption of fresh tomatoes which has been in evidence the past 20 years is continuing. Because of the large supply available for market from the late States this season the carlot movement has increased sharply in recent weeks from the low level in the summer months; the movement averaged close to 1,000 cars per week in mid-September or 50 percent larger than in the corresponding weeks in 1937. Tomato prices at terminal markets in mid-September were substantially higher than a month earlier and at Chicago were somewhat higher than mid-September 1937.

Truck crops: Wholesale prices at New York, averages for specified weeks, 1937-38

Commodity	Unit	Week ended					
		1937	1938				
		Sept. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 27	Sept. 3	Sept. 10	Sept. 17
		Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Beans, lima.....	bushel	2.40	2.38	1.90	2.67	2.98	2.29
Beans, snap, green.....	"	1.65	1.18	.91	1.19	1.60	1.36
Beans, " wax.....	"	1.69	1.19	1.26	1.44	1.55	1.44
Beets, topped.....	"	.50	.55	.49	.45	.44	.50
Broccoli, New York.....	crate	1.52	1.46	1.40	1.62	1.65	1.67
Broccoli, Western.....	pony crate	3.38	3.72	3.15	3.50	3.20	3.28
Cabbage, domestic.....	100 lbs.	1.30	1.02	1.20	1.15	1.33	.92
Cantaloupes							
California.....	jumbo 36&45s	---	3.56	3.73	4.02	3.15	3.02
Colorado.....	" " "	2.47	---	3.38	2.81	2.42	2.17
Carrots, Western.....	etc. crate	3.54	4.03	4.08	3.90	4.15	4.21
Carrots, Eastern topped..	bushel	.62	.62	.66	.68	.66	.65
Cauliflower, New York....	crate	2.15	1.81	1.73	1.77	1.88	1.85
Cauliflower, Western....	pony crate	2.01	1.81	1.90	1.78	1.55	1.46
Celery.....	2/3 crate	1.36	1.83	1.64	1.61	1.62	1.43
Corn, green.....	bushel	1.04	.58	.62	.74	.68	.76
Cucumbers.....	"	1.27	.91	.83	1.30	1.65	1.62
Eggplant.....	"	.75	.43	.45	.48	.54	.55
Honey Ball melons, Calif.:	standard 45s	2.85	2.81	2.90	2.81	2.22	2.17
Honey Dew " Calif.:	" 8-12s	1.66	1.69	1.95	1.80	1.96	1.77
Lettuce, Western Iceberg:	4-5 doz. crate	4.02	3.71	4.00	3.94	3.15	3.17
Lettuce, Big Boston.....	2-doz. "	1.10	1.10	.94	1.09	.94	.67
Onions, yellow.....	50-lb. sack	.92	.59	.61	.62	.62	.72
Onions, sweet Spanish,							
Western.....	" " "	1.31	1.37	1.35	1.67	1.42	1.28
Peas, green, Western....	bushel	2.30	1.68	1.78	1.93	2.16	1.99
Peppers.....	"	.59	.60	.57	.57	.60	.52
Spinach.....	"	1.26	1.60	1.14	1.17	.88	.67
Spinach, Adirondack sec-							
tion, New York.....	"	2.12					
Sweetpotatoes.....	"	.94	1.64	1.18	1.12	1.18	1.01
Tomatoes.....	lug box	1.06	.60	.60	.86	.92	1.00
Turnips, topped.....	bushel	.48	.78	.63	.62	.62	.74

Truck crops: Wholesale prices at Chicago, averages,  
for specified weeks, 1937-38

Commodity	Unit	Week ended					
		1937	1938				
		Sept. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 27	Sept. 3	Sept. 10	Sept. 17
		Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Beans, lima.....	12qt. bskt.	1.00	.82	.55	.64	.77	.76
Beans, snap,							
Green.....	Bushel	1.40	1.42	1.19	1.33	1.11	1.25
Wax.....	"	1.78	1.46	1.34	1.32	1.38 <sup>1/</sup>	.84
Beets.....	Bunch	.016	.012	.013	.012	.015	.011
Broccoli, western <sup>2/</sup>	Pony crt.	2.73	2.31	2.62	2.29	2.46	2.36
Cabbage, domestic.....	100 #	.93	1.02	1.03	.82	.82	.75
Cantaloups,							
Salmon meat, Colo....	7bo 36s	2.55	---	2.57	2.31	2.12	1.93
Carrots, Calif.....	Western crt	2.76	3.60	3.98	3.98	3.22	3.54
" topped, Ill.....	Bushel	.60	.50	.46	.38	.38	.42
Cauliflower, western...	Pony crt.	1.41	1.31	1.36	1.30	1.12	1.26
Celery, Mich.....	Flat crt.	.52	.34	.32	.38	.55	.39
Corn, green.....	Sack	.44	.24	.34	.49	.44	.54
Cucumbers.....	Bushel	1.22	.86	1.00	1.08	1.25	1.35
Eggplant.....	"	.50	.86	.74	.70	.70	.48
Honey Ball Green							
Meat melons, Calif....	7bo 36s	---	3/3.00	2.62	2.25	1.96	1.84
Honey Dew melons, Colo.	Std. 9-12s	1.50	--	--	1.52	1.12	1.21
Lettuce, Iceberg.....	4-5 doz. crt	3.50	2.92	3.92	3.28	2.73	2.68
Onions, yellow.....	50-lb. sack	4/.68	.43	.42	.43	.57	.59
" (Sweet Spanish)							
Western.....	" "	1.02	2/.07	3/5/1.05	1.32	1.01	.96
Peas, western.....	Bushel	2.38	1.48	1.74	1.68	2.02	1.90
Persian melons, Calif...	Std.						
crt. 6-9s		1.70	1.50	1.50	1.51	1.50	1.50
Peppers.....	Bushel	.56	.48	.40	.46	.54	.52
Spinach.....	"	.88	1.04	1.14	1.16	1.21	1.14
" Colo.....	1/2 W. crt.	3/1.70	1.94	2.03	2.08	1.94	1.78
Sweetpotatoes.....	Bushel	1.37	1.20	1.09	1.00	.96	1.14
Tomatoes, N. Y.....	Lug	1.08	.97	.72	.79	.98	1.27
Turnips, topped.....	Bushel	1.25	.91	1.00	1.00	1.00	.96

<sup>1/</sup> Mostly fair quality.

<sup>2/</sup> Mixed heads and shoots.

<sup>3/</sup> Average for 1 day.

<sup>4/</sup> Street sales.

<sup>5/</sup> U. S. Commercial.



Truck crops and potatoes: Car-lot (rail or boat) shipments from  
originating points in the United States, for the  
week ended September 17, 1938, with comparisons

Commodity	Week ended -						
	: 1937 :	1938					
	: Sept. 18:	Aug. 13:	Aug. 20:	Aug. 27:	Sept. 3:	Sept. 10:	Sept. 17:
	: Cars	: Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars
Beans, snap and lima.....	3	: 1	11	8	2	3	9
Beets.....	9	: 0	0	0	0	0	1
Cabbage.....	248	: 76	106	134	227	263	461
Cantaloups.....	220	: 239	137	336	316	297	216
Carrots.....	199	: 75	85	92	107	119	139
Casaba melons.....	0	: 0	2	7	5	0	0
Cauliflower.....	142	: 47	67	95	173	189	126
Celery.....	293	: 172	171	145	192	203	223
Corn, green.....	2	: 0	2	5	9	11	5
Cucumbers.....	20	: 9	12	17	15	12	12
Greens, except spinach....	20	: 2	2	5	7	9	11
Honey Ball melons.....	10	: 33	39	49	33	20	10
Honey Dew melons.....	294	: 420	187	162	192	294	281
Lettuce.....	899	: 710	714	874	793	772	930
Mixed melons.....	37	: 52	51	68	58	45	32
Mixed vegetables.....	350	: 217	251	269	241	306	292
Onions.....	1,270	: 232	254	376	603	555	586
Peas, green.....	115	: 276	212	215	157	225	162
Persian melons.....	17	: 13	6	8	14	12	6
Spinach.....	29	: 7	3	19	22	30	30
Sweetpotatoes.....	606	: 91	100	121	188	297	396
Tomatoes.....	669	: 197	380	654	970	1,146	877
Turnips.....	40	: 2	3	2	5	9	22
Watermelons.....	26	: 951	497	254	101	88	47
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Total truck crops.....	5,518	: 3,822	3,292	3,965	4,430	4,905	4,874
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Potatoes (Early.....	5	: 9	7	9	8	9	
(Intermediate... :	485	: 1/1,919	691	619	504	490	326
(Late..... :	4,396	: 1,632	1,665	1,607	1,921	3,090	
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Grand total.....	10,404	: 5,741	5,624	6,256	6,550	7,324	8,299

NOTE: In the case of many commodities, car-lot shipments decrease as the source of supply shifts to those producing areas where the motor-truck is the principal means of transportation; available market supplies, therefore, are frequently larger than indicated by this car-lot shipment report.

1/ Total crop.



Truck crops: Commercial acreage and production for market, average 1927-36, annual 1937, and indicated 1938, as reported up to September 15

Commodity and group	Acreage			Unit	Production		
	Average	1937	Prelim- 1938		Average	1937	Indi. 1938
	1927-36	1937	1938		1927-36	1937	1938
	Acre	Acre	Acre				
<u>Asparagus 1/</u>				1,000			
Calif. ....	65,580	67,260	71,510	crates	2/ 6,825	3/ 6,499	5,721
S.C. and Ga. .	12,640	11,500	10,100	"	431	472	410
Total early..	78,220	78,760	81,610	"	7,256	6,971	6,131
Late, total....	24,840	29,310	31,820	"	2,222	3,189	3,595
Total .....	103,060	108,070	113,430	"	9,478	10,160	9,726
<u>Beans, lima</u>				1,000			
Early (Fla.)...	1,600	2,400	4,500	bu.	132	156	338
Second-early...	2,630	2,600	2,200	"	135	116	145
Intermediate (1)...	1,050	1,800	1,500	"	57	54	90
Intermediate (2)	4,820	5,100	4,700	"	335	347	359
4 groups.....	9,110	11,900	12,900	"	578	673	932
<u>Beans, snap</u>							
Fall .....	13,370	21,300	15,000	"	1,147*	2,006	1,475
Early (1).....	15,720	28,900	30,000	"	1,412	1,792	2,550
Early (2).....	28,630	23,400	29,350	"	2,427*	2,195	2,358
Second-early...	21,300	26,500	28,400	"	1,328*	1,191	1,538
Intermediate (1)	14,500	24,700	25,200	"	1,053*	1,047	1,513
Intermediate (2)	11,930	13,160	13,700	"	1,176	1,251	1,337
Late (1).....	5,280	10,560	11,380	"	674	1,332	1,625
7 groups.....	110,200	148,520	153,030	"	9,150*	10,814	12,396
<u>Beets</u>							
Early .....	5,180	4,800	6,100	"	772*	744	854
Second-early...	2,240	1,910	1,800	"	261*	302	272
Intermediate...	2,300	2,520	2,850	"	631*	574	682*
Late .....	320	360	370	"	112*	112	100
Total .....	9,980	9,590	11,120	"	1,753*	1,732	1,908
<u>Cabbage 4/</u>							
Fall.....	1,010	2,800	2,100	Tons	6,500	12,500	13,600
Early .....	40,210	58,200	46,200	"	219,500*	276,500*	231,100
Second-early...	15,760	18,600	19,200	"	84,900*	97,500	118,600
Intermediate...	28,080	34,150	34,350	"	166,300*	225,800	243,700
Late, domestic:	37,670	41,090	44,000	"	306,900*	286,100	446,400
Late, Danish...	36,650	37,090	39,030	"	297,600*	262,500	406,300
Total .....	159,380	191,930	184,930	"	1,082,200*	1,167,900*	1,459,700
For kraut .....	19,160	25,040	25,000	"	154,700	153,200	238,600
" market	140,220	166,890	159,930	"	927,500	1,014,700	1,221,100
<u>Cantaloups</u>				1,000			
Early .....	37,850	30,190	28,700	crates	5,511*	5,396	4,252
Second-early...	38,240	41,830	46,200	"	4,898*	4,095	4,358
Intermediate...	20,120	23,700	25,300	"	2,108*	2,346	2,459
Late .....	19,050	19,090	22,400	"	2,511	2,293	2,893
Total .....	115,260	114,860	122,600	"	15,028*	14,130	13,962
<u>Carrots 1/</u>				1,000			
Fall.....	4,200	10,850	11,300	bu.	2,162	4,666	5,424
Early .....	9,070	9,000	9,800	"	1,669*	1,590	1,564
Second-early...	9,570	11,670	13,600	"	3,949*	4,606	5,175
Intermediate...	1,730	1,520	1,780	"	465*	374	529
Late .....	5,330	6,570	7,820	"	2,458	2,934	3,216
Total .....	29,900	39,610	44,300	"	10,703*	14,170	15,908

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Truck crops: Commercial acreage and p. Auction for market, average 1927-36, annual 1937, and indicated 1938, as reported up to September 15 - Continued

Commodity and group	Acreage			Unit	Production		
	Average	1937	Prelim.		Average	1937	Indicat
	1927-36		1938		1927-36		ed 1938
	Acrea	Acrea	Acrea				
<u>Cauliflower</u>				1,000			
Fall & winter.....	8,690	8,250	8,200	crates	2,259*	2,479	2,587
Early.....	7,860	9,000	8,240	"	2,043	2,745	2,614
Late (1).....	7,150	7,500	7,340	"	1,542*	1,774	1,659
Late (2).....	3,660	4,400	4,550	"	765	1,320	---
4 groups.....	27,360	29,150	28,830	"	6,609*	8,318	---
<u>Celery</u>							
Fall & winter.....	6,940	10,300	9,750	"	1,282	1,700	2,048
Early.....	7,690	10,200	11,400	"	2,442*	3,153	3,237
Second-early.....	1,130	1,700	1,300	"	553*	850	644
Intermediate.....	3,880	4,430	5,370	"	1,004	1,115	1,256
Late (1).....	11,370	11,500	12,210	"	3,146*	2,920	3,519
Late (2).....	1,470	2,010	2,270	"	429	558	---
Total.....	32,480	40,140	42,300	"	8,861*	10,296	---
<u>Corn, sweet</u>				1,000			
New Jersey.....	23,400	24,000	26,000	ears	113,630	120,000	119,600
<u>Cucumbers</u>				1,000			
Fall.....	1,420	1,600	1,300	bu.	112	64	98
Early (1).....	12,470	11,300	10,600	"	957*	592	1,041
Early (2).....	12,190	11,350	11,250	"	1,183*	1,139	1,077
Second-early.....	6,680	5,300	6,900	"	619*	301	460
Intermediate.....	7,910	9,150	8,900	"	1,041	1,238	1,362
Late (1).....	2,130	2,790	3,510	"	226	363	664
6 groups.....	43,070	41,990	42,460	"	4,138*	3,697	4,702
<u>Eggplant</u>							
Fall.....	1,140	1,350	1,450	"	182	245	245
Early.....	870	600	750	"	261	240	300
Second-early (La.).....	370	970	970	"	54	134	146
Late (N.J.).....	1,040	1,200	1,100	"	277	330	275
Total.....	3,420	4,120	4,270	"	774	949	966
<u>Garlic</u>				1,000			
La. and Texas.....	1,740	1,300	2,150	sacks	36	45	47
Calif.....	1,890	2,450	2,240	"	104	159	146
Total.....	3,630	4,250	4,390	"	140	204	193
<u>Kale</u>				1,000			
Fall & winter.....	1,860	1,050	1,050	bu.	640	430	441
<u>Lettuce</u>				1,000			
Early.....	45,040	35,200	37,000	crates	5,428*	5,109	4,776
Second-early.....	45,740	50,000	55,250	"	5,173*	6,527	7,060
Intermediate.....	4,680	4,900	3,770	"	919*	937*	786
Late (1).....	25,260	30,400	24,400	"	3,529*	3,967	2,881
Late (2).....	30,420	33,600	30,400	"	4,134	4,349	---
Total.....	151,140	154,100	150,820	"	19,183*	21,389	---
<u>Onions</u>				1,000			
Early.....	23,970	24,550	27,450	sacks	2,170*	2,129*	2,159
Intermediate.....	10,830	15,700	12,150	"	1,574*	2,266	1,597
Late.....	52,630	52,260	54,230	"	9,894*	10,383	10,850
Total.....	87,430	92,510	93,830	"	13,638*	14,778*	14,606

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Truck crops: Commercial acreage and production for market, average 1927-36, annual 1937, and indicated 1938, as reported up to September 15 - Continued

Commodity and group	Acreage			Unit	Production		
	Average:	1937	Prelim.:		Average:	1937	Indic.
	1927-36:		1938		1927-36:		1938
	Acres	Acres	Acres				
Peas, green				1,000:			
Early .....	8,110	16,200	15,700:	bu.	570	1,000	1,330
Second-early .....	37,640	46,470	34,950:	"	2,569	2,938	2,181
Intermediate (1) ....	6,150	6,500	6,000:	"	424	455	390
Intermediate (2) ,...	3,790	5,120	3,640:	"	255	266	292
Late (1) .....	19,710	26,440	24,440:	"	1,925	2,709	2,565
Late (2) .....	8,560	10,450	14,000:	"	834	1,418	1,700
6 groups .....	83,960	111,180	98,730:	"	6,577	8,786	8,458
Peppers				"			
Fall .....	2,110	3,600	4,300:	"	398	640	453
Early, Fla. ....	5,160	5,200	4,800:	"	1,289	1,190	1,032
Second-early .....	1,780	1,570	1,540:	"	291	299	247
Intermediate .....	6,620	7,500	8,300:	"	1,530	2,025	1,785
4 groups .....	15,670	17,870	18,940:	"	3,508	4,154	3,517
Shallots (La.)	---	6,000	5,700:	"	---	600	712
Spinach							
Fall .....	2,680	3,000	2,700:	"	746	945	972
Early .....	35,410	54,300	45,040:	"	7,300*	8,592	7,017
Second-early .....	8,720	9,160	8,050:	"	2,507	2,650	2,461
Intermediate(Colo.)..	660	1,320	1,450:	"	87*	158	191
4 groups .....	47,400	67,780	57,240:	"	10,631*	12,345	10,641
Tomatoes							
Fall .....	4,700	10,700	9,000:	"	300	522	350
Early (1) .....	12,280	17,200	15,500:	"	1,486	1,617	2,945
Early (2) .....	27,640	27,300	41,000:	"	2,024	2,146	3,562
Second-early .....	37,430	49,800	60,400:	"	3,557	3,133	3,978
Intermediate .....	40,350	51,800	51,170:	"	5,433*	7,037	7,021
Late (1) .....	31,190	36,400	36,200:	"	4,488	5,983	6,273
Late (2), S.Calif. ...	9,020	7,000	10,000:	"	885	1,155	1,400
Total .....	162,610	200,200	223,270:	"	18,173*	21,593	25,529
Watermelons				1,000:			
Early .....	35,210	27,500	30,500:	melons:	12,614*	10,460	11,100
Second-early .....	155,770	170,100	162,600:	"	36,319*	35,049*	30,564
Late .....	50,080	66,240	68,150:	"	17,458*	26,115*	24,713
Total .....	241,060	263,840	261,250:	"	66,391*	71,624*	66,377
Total to date .....	1,461,380						
		1,682,660					
			1,701,390:				
Peppermint for oil ....				1,000:			
5 leading States ....	39,420	32,100	28,080:	lb.oil:	871	885	738

1/ Includes acreage and production for market and manufacture. 2/ Includes 4,532,000 crates for canning. 3/ Includes 4,266,000 crates for canning.

4/ For kraut and market.

\*/ Includes some quantities not harvested on account of market conditions.



## TRUCK CROPS FOR CANNING OR MANUFACTURE

Although an attempt was made this season to adjust the production and pack of several of the truck crops for canning downward through acreage curtailment, unusually high yields per acre have offset these efforts to a certain extent. As a result, the production of these crops is indicated to be generally larger than a year ago. Notable exceptions, however, appear in some of the more important crops, such as sweet corn, tomatoes and cucumbers for pickles, all of which show production indications substantially below those of 1937. Although definite estimates of production of asparagus and spinach are not available, there are some indications that these crops also have been reduced.

Truck crops for manufacture: Acreage and production, average  
1927-36, annual 1937-38

Commodity	Acreage			Production				:1938 com-	
	Average	Harvested	Planted	Average	Harvested	Indicated		pared with	
	1927-36	1937	1938	1927-36	1937	1938	Av.	1927-1937	
							36		
	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	
Beans, lima	<u>1/</u> 25,420	42,900	50,800	<u>1/</u> 14,080	22,840	26,180	186	115	
Beans, snap.	49,410	63,120	71,040	70,400	105,300	123,100	175	117	
Beets	<u>1/</u> 6,600	12,150	13,520	<u>1/</u> 37,900	62,560	75,870	200	121	
Cabbage for									
kraut	19,160	25,040	25,000	154,700	153,200	241,200	156	157	
Corn, sweet	305,440	438,960	340,960	591,600	978,500	809,600	137	83	
Cucumbers	77,020	110,070	91,190	<u>2/</u> 4,741	<u>2/</u> 8,033	<u>2/</u> 6,244	132	78	
Peas	236,040	334,820	325,710	182,710	268,110	281,670	154	105	
Pimentos	8,950	12,190	18,740	14,860	19,030	23,590	159	124	
Tomatoes	338,700	450,500	391,050	1,385,600	1,973,800	1,500,100	108	76	
Total	1,066,740	1,489,750	1,328,010						

1/ 8-year average.

2/ 1,000 bushels.